(Kphot:) Masa NCMC

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January 5, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

That was a fine New Year's greeting from you in the shape of your letter of January 2, and it was good to learn that you are in such good health.

The newspaper clippings came in very handy, since they were the first I had had on the various subjects. Thank you for them.

I am planning to be in Asheville, Thursday and possibly Friday with the Park Commission. If I should happen to have to stay overnight Thursday, I would have a chance to see you and have a little chat. I will be at the Asheville-Biltmore, and you could get in touch with me either there or the Commission offices. I am looking forward to a few minutes' chat with you anyway, old man.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer

Associate Director.

(Replant:) Unaka NCMC

January 6, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Supervisor, Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

You will be interested to know that I reached the eastern boundary of the Unaka Forest at Dixon's Ferry. I spent six days with Mr. Cole checking Guidebook data from Sling's Gap, 75 miles from Roanoke to New River. Some time in April, Mr. Cole and I hope to go through Unaka and Pisgah and prepare and check the trail data. In order to fit in to our Guidebook style, we want to reduce the Unaka Log, which you had prepared, to a narrative. Mr. Cole has a Ford, which is the champion mountain climber. We made good use of it on this trip and he thinks that he can cover a good part of the trail through the Unaka in his car. How much do you think he can drive over?

This is not orthodox hiking but this is a business trip to obtain and check the data in the shortest possible time and if we don't do it this way, I am afraid we should not have any other opportunity.

Mr. Cole and I thought that it would be better to have the Unaka section start across the river at Dixon's Ferry rather than have his territory run five miles up the river to the Dam. The river makes a good geographical boundary. This will be easy enough to adjust on the Trail Data.

I shall be very glad to have the benefit of any suggestions you can make, since you know the objects we hope to accomplish on this trip.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa
CC: Mr. Fink.

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January 6, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Friend Masa:

It was thoughtful of you to write me under date of January 1 about various interesting matters affecting the Great Smokies. The enlargement has not yet arrived but will probably be here tomorrow, and, of course I will be delighted to have it. Thank you very much for your kindness.

I will be in Asheville on the 28th of January and I am looking forward to seeing you again. I hope you will be there at the time.

With all good wishes and with New Year's greetings, I am

Faithfully yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

(Kephart:) Masa ncmc From M. Avery

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January 7, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

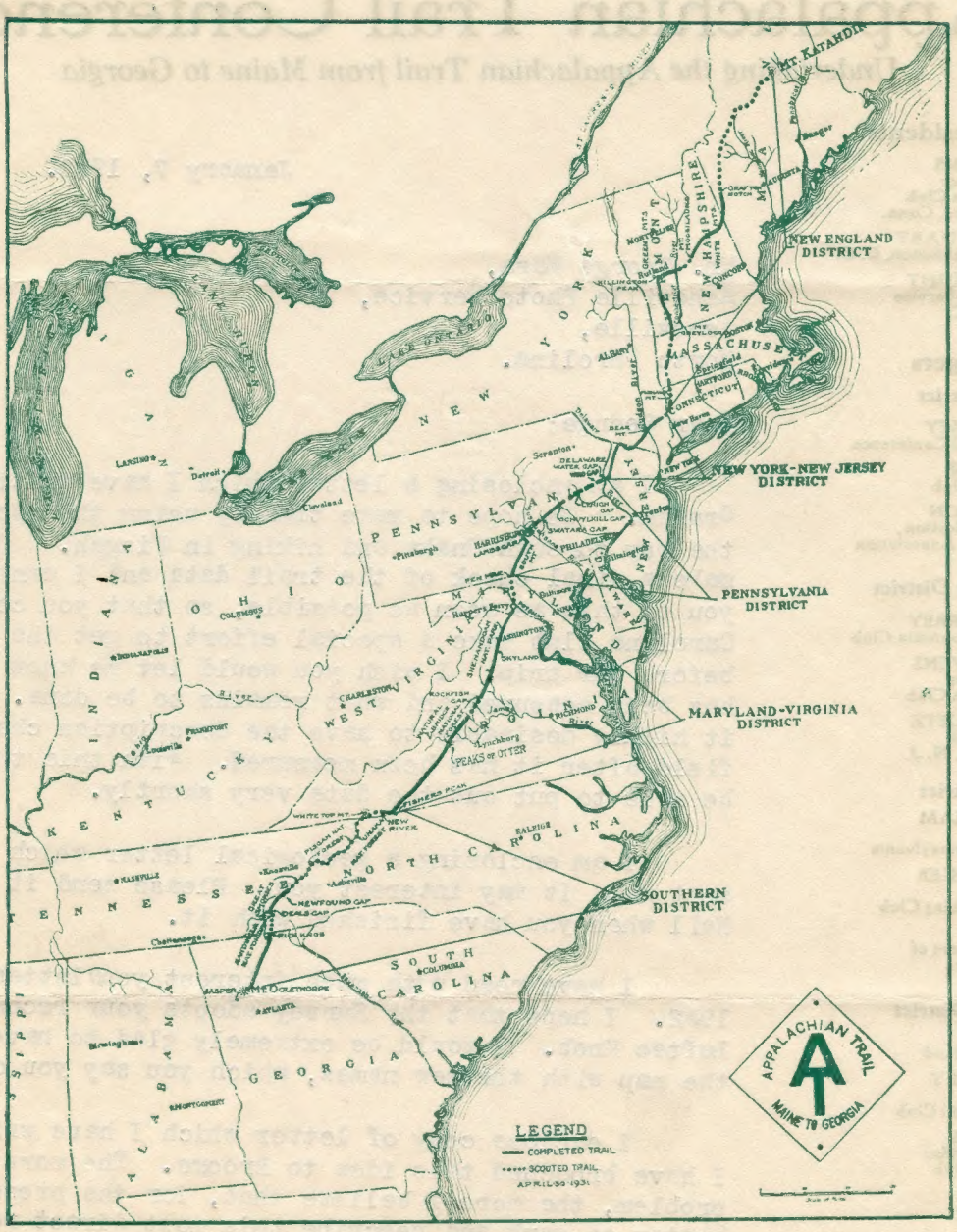
Dear George:

I am enclosing a letter which I have written to Mr. Graham. We hope to make time by using the machine most of the way through Unaka and hiking in Pisgah. We wanted to make a final check of the trail data and I wanted to tell you of this as soon as possible, so that you could have the Carolina Club make a special effort to get the data right before our trip. I wish you would let me know just what has been measured and what remains to be done. We have found it highly desirable to have the description checked in the field after it has been measured. With this trip, we will be able to put out the data very shortly.

I am enclosing a geological letter which Harvey Broome sent me. It may interest you. Please send it on to Warner Hall when you have finished with it.

I have read with much interest your letter of January 1, 1932. I hope that the Survey adopts your recommendation on Luftee Knob. I would be extremely glad to have the copy of the map with the new names, which you say you can send me.

I enclose copy of letter which I have written Mr. Hough. I have broached this idea to Broome. The more I think of the problem, the more I believe that, for the present, it would be better to mark and describe this most direct route. I think that the Smoky Club is beginning to realize the magnitude of the task they have undertaken. The last letter from Harvey Broome indicated that they felt that the Carolina Clubs would have to do a large share of the work. Of course, we still want to get very complete information on every route but I feel, at the same time, that we had better begin to find out something about the connection which Roy Ozmer worked out.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Let me know what you find out about the Sondley.

Does the merger mean that the name Carolina Appalachian Trail Club is a thing of the past?

What is the elevation of the Thermo or Termometer Knob?

Is there a trail from Bushnell over Roundtop and Tyre Top to Grassy Gap and thence down to Wesser. I think the route you outlined the best connection - far less circuitous of any proposed so far. If the trail goes all the way through the Smokies, this is most direct return to Nantahala.

I am sending your letter to Harvey Broome, with a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Myron

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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January 9, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

I just returned to my desk after my southern trip and find your little present of the Great Smoky Mountains picture. It is so fine that it is going to be hung on the walls of my home instead of my office. In fact, I believe your letter did say that you were sending it to Mrs. Cammerer, but I think I will hang on to it myself so I can have it for my future den. Thanks a thousand times for it.

I thought I would be able to stay another day in North Carolina, but when I got through with my business around noon, Colonel Chapman had had some very disquieting telephone calls and telegrams from Knoxville, and urged me to go with him, which I did. For that reason I missed you. Better luck next time! I also had to let eight dinner invitations go by in Asheville.

Some time when the park has been created, I am hoping to have a chance to go along the trails with you and then maybe we can have a little chat.

Sincerely yours,

Arno

~~Associate Director.~~

(Kyhart:) mass name

Jan. 9,1932.

Mr. Albert Pike,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pike;

I hope the maps of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park which I mailed you in last week reached you safely.

If it is not too late please make one correction as following:-

Sheet No. 15, Section 4, (same section on Aerotopo map) — MARKS KNOB (6,140 plus)

Change to --------- CAMS KNOB

I don't know it was right way to marking correction on maps which I sent you, at first I thought write down where correction or name be made, but I am afraid may it cause mis-spell, because lack of clearness by contour line, so I did what you saw on the maps, may it trouble you check up figures to list, but only way I could find.

I am sending you the list for your farther reference with personal kindest regards.

Very truly yours.

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Jan. 15, 1932.

Mr. Geo. Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George.-

Received your letter of the 9th with copy of North Carolina Nomenclature Committee names, etc. and wish to congratulate you on the splendid manner in which they are gotten up and I appreciate very much having a copy.

Am afraid you have gotten quite ahead of us on this and while we are making good progress on this side, we like quite a little of being through.

Kindest regards from the gang and with hearts a bustin' with love, I am

Yours very truly,

Jim

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from Avery

January 13, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Forest Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am very glad to have your letter of January 8, 1932. I hope Mr. Haulsee will have an opportunity to reduce his data to paper but if not, I hope that when I make my trip through the forest I will be able to see him as well as the others who did the marking, so as to incorporate this data into the Guidebook and other articles which will be written about the Forest.

We mean to follow the exact route of the Trail and I notice that you think most of it will have to be done on foot.

We do not, of course, contemplate making any change in the route as marked. If any suggestion occurred to us, we would, of course, take it up with you so that the matter could be determined and the proper change made. There is one thing which could be done however to make continuous trail. Mr. Cole's last marker is on the river bank at Dixon's Ferry. If some of your men could place the markers from the west bank up to Byllesby Dam, putting the markers at every crossroad and at occasional intervals for reassurance, it would make an unbroken trail.

As far as the Unaka is concerned, the change which we made was to end Mr. Cole's section at New River rather than carrying it unto the Forest to Byllesby Dam.

I am, of course, counting on seeing you when I

(Kiplat) Masa Home Graham from Avery 1/13/1932

make my Unaka trip and we will write you as much in advance as possible as we form our plans.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa
CC: Mr. Cole.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

January 15, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Friend George:

Thanks for your letter of January 11. If I can possibly get time, I want to visit Mr. Colburn and see his collection. Mr. Cammerer has told me about it.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

January 21,

Dear George:

You did have a treat for me in your last letter of Jan. 19th. That view of Tyre Top and Swim Bald is superb. I got quite a kick out of the Blood Mountain photos-recognized the country-for we had no good ones. You are right on the location of Yonah. I am now writing notes and editing the Guyotx Notes with the hope of getting them published somewhere because they tell me so much about the Southern Appalachians.

George, the more I think about getting a route through the more I believe we will have to turn out at Silers and come to Bushnell to where you met Hall and I with the car. This is the most direct. Perhaps if there is no trail from Grassy Gap to Bushnell and too rough to lay one out, we can find some road connection. I know that the Smoky Club won't like it but the impossibility of any other route will soon be apparent. We can get the dope on it and mark it for one connection. Later if they wish another connection can be made. But I don't want to say too much about this until I have the exact data for such a connection worked out. So why don't you see what you can find out about connecting Weser and High Rocks and try to get this Horace Kephart Club to do what is necessary.

I haven't heard from Paul for ages; he owes me letters. I think that only solution is to go over and see them.

Let me know what you find out

Yours,

Myron

Jan. 28, 1932.

Mr. Albert Pike,
Division Engineer in Charge,
Atlantic Division,
U. S. Geological Survey,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pike;

Since I sent you topo-maps of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and list of names of Mountains, Ridges and Creeks etc., I haven't heard from you and I wondering the maps arrive safely or not, you may out in field some where.

On Dec. 30th I asked you if you can give me elevations of Mt. Kephart and Chuckstack, which holding our map that our Club trying to issue latest map of Great Smokies. And I asked Col. Glenn S. Smith if you can spare 3 more whole sets for us , but I didn't hear from him yet.

Thanking you in advance to this matters and soon our map finish, am very glad mail you.

Very truly yourd,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

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January 30, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of January 28:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the set of topographic maps which the Nomenclature Committee sent to this office. They have been edited and sent to the U. S. Geographic Board for acceptance.

In reference to your further request regarding the elevations of Mt. Kephart and Mt. Shuckstack, these elevations are 6,200 feet and 4,020 feet, respectively.

As requested, I am having three sets of the Smoky Mountain Park maps sent to you, under separate cover.

Yours very truly,

Albert Pike

ALBERT PIKE,
Division Engineer in Charge,
ATLANTIC DIVISION.

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of December 30, addressed to Mr. Pike.

I thank you for the many names suggested for our forthcoming topographic map of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In view of the authority back of these decisions, the Geological Survey assumes that they will be acceptable to the United States Geographic Board, and is forwarding them to the Board in order to establish them in Government usage and so avoid confusion in the future. The Survey will be glad to explain to the Board the reasons leading up to the appointment of this committee and the nature of their investigations. The steps necessary to bring this action about will be taken here and the lettering guides for the park maps will be corrected in accordance with the action of your committee and will be released for final engraving as soon as Board approval is received.

The elevation of Shuckstack as determined by our recent survey is 4,020 feet. We have made no instrumental determination of the elevation of Mt. Kephart, as this is in the area covered by the Aerotopograph survey. The best information we have shows this elevation to be about 6,200 feet.

Very truly yours,

W C Mendenhall

Director.

[illegible] Ave.,
Pompton Plains
New Jersey
Feb 11, 1932

Mr. George Masa
Councilor, Carolina Mountain Club

Dear Mr. Masa:

Many thanks for the trail data and letter. It is fine — the only trail data giving details of accomodations, too.

Yes, I am going to hike through the Great Smokies, and although the Smoky Mountains Club said they would send me some trail data when Mr. Avery gets it, next season, I would be glad to receive any information about the section. Have all I have is

detail on the Smokies the Club Guide and a 50¢ book of photos published in Knoxville

I don't expect to start till May 20, as you said, perhaps I can have gotten Omaha data from Mr. Sawyer Mr. Graham, by June.

I will, as you offered, be glad to recieve maps marked by you for the Trail

I believe you are doing a lot for my hike, and would be very glad to co-operate with you in plans if you ever plan a hike on the Trail between Hudson River and Delaware Water Gap, which is near here.

If the Carolina club secretary would kindly mind, I would like to see any little description of the Club activities, as I want to join a Trail Club, when I am settled again after the depression.

Very truly yours,

Stowell Gardner

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FEB 15 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of February 9:

I regret to inform you that the Geological Survey does not plan to do any spirit leveling in the near future in the vicinity of Mount Kephart, N.C.-Tenn., and will not be able to supply an exact elevation for that peak, therefore, for sometime.

Yours very truly,

W C Mendenhall

Director.

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February 9, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,

Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

I look back with the keenest pleasure on my visit in Asheville last week, a visit that was made exceptionally pleasant on account of your many courtesies. As usual you were ready at all times to assist me and you did contribute a great deal to my pleasure in affording me an opportunity to see Mr. Colburn's collections.

I hope all goes well with you, and again thanking you and with warmest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

(Kephart) Mass Meeting From Mr. Avery

February 15, 1932.

Board of Managers,
Appalachian Trail Conference.

The present Appalachian Trail Conference Constitution provides for an Annual Meeting but with the probable completion of most of the Trail in the very near future, there has been developing a sentiment that annual meetings of an organization with such a far-spread membership are unnecessarily frequent and that a biennial meeting will be more effective in continuing representative attendance at these conferences. A conference over the Memorial Day week-end for 1932 at the Long Trail Lodge, under the auspices of the Green Mountain Club, had been announced. This seems a particularly appropriate year to put into effect the plan of biennial meetings. The Green Mountain Club will extend its invitation for a Conference meeting in 1933 under its auspices and the abandonment of the 1932 meeting will cause it no embarrassment. I have had an opportunity to discuss this matter with Messrs. R. H. Torrey and A. C. Comey, as well as Mr. Tucker (the Green Mountain Club, Inc., representative) and they favor the abandonment of the plan of annual Conferences, commencing this year.

Of course, with the trail project nearing completion, we should not wish to do anything, which would in any way retard progress. The completion of the trail system is our immediate goal. However, such enthusuasm prevails over the entire route and such excellent progress is being made by constituent Clubs that I have no fear in saying that the passing of the 1932 Conference will not retard progress in the least. The 1933 Conference will be held in August, permitting the combination of the Conference and hiking in the Green Mountains. The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and the Georgia Club can more effectively carry out in that month their plans for a bus trip to the Conference; the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club will do likewise; this will insure extensive attendance from Southern Clubs.

With the exception of the link between the Smokies and Nantahala, which is being thoroughly scouted, the trail should be completed by August 1932 from Grafton Notch to the southern terminus. The Unaka and Nantahala Forest sections have been marked under the direction of Supervisors Graham and Byrne. Only a 5 mile blind spot remains in Pennsylvania; the P.A.T.C. has only 8 miles more to cut to complete the 39 mile connecting link across Maryland. Extensive improvements have been made in Southern Virginia. Connecticut and Massachusetts require little work to complete the trail across these states. The 200 mile link from Grafton Notch to Katahdin seems hopeless. The A. T. Conference suggested to the Appalachian Mountain Club that it extend its present trail system east from Grafton Notch; this Club, however, cannot undertake such extension. Were it not for Katahdin's distinctiveness and the absence of a suitable northern terminus, perhaps the abandonment of this Maine Link would at this time be expedient.

(Kephart:) Mara NCMC A.T. Board from Avery 2/15/1932

Suggestions to this effect have been made. The difficulty lies in find a substitute for Katahdin as the northern terminus.

Approximately $150 remain of the amount collected by subscription for the Trail Conference, through the energetic efforts of Treasurer R. K. Torrey. This money is expended for trail markers, publicity, etc.

The Board of Managers has adopted, as standard markers, the types of markers set out in the Appalachian Trail Construction Manual. A type of marker- now being improved- has been developed by Louis Anderson of New York City in which the A. T. monogram and legend are perforated. This type of marker has the advantage of permanence and will avpid the necessity of the periodical replacement of the printed markers. We wish to have this marker adopted as one of the standard types.

With the suspension of Mountain Magazine the Conference is left without any medium of publicity or interchange of Club notes. Plans are under consideration for remedying this deficiency by increasing the scope and size of Appalachia, the Journal of the Appalachian Mountain Club by adding regular articles on the activities and territory of the Southern Clubs. To make this scheme effective will necessitate building up a subscription list for Appalachia at a nominal rate. If the plan matures we shall have to depend upon the Board of Managers for active cooperation in building up this subscription list.

Unless contrary replies are received by February 23rd, I shall assume that the Board of Managers concur in the suggestions of this memorandum. Unless notified to the contrary by February 30, 1932, you may assume that the proposals have been adopted and that the next A. T. Conference will be in August, 1933, in the Green Mountains at the Long Trail Lodge. Suitable notice of the postponement will be sent to the revised Conference Mailing List. However, please give the subject matter of this notice all possible publicity in your respective organizations.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Avery,
Chairman, Board of Managers,
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February 16, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have been away for five days and have taken some time to study your maps and photos. Perhaps you have been wondering why you hadn't heard from me for the photos, trail log and maps would arouse anyone's enthusiasm. I prize the panoramas highly - almost as good as any you have made. I assume that the panoramas are from Cheoah Bald. Is "S-88" (from Mt. Chapman to Silers Bald) from the same place?

You have certainly done great work in scouting this territory. You have solved the problem. I understood from your first letter that there is no trail along the ridge from Bushnell over Round Top to Tyre Top. — But your map shows a trail from Bushnell over Roundtop. That settles it and gives us a direct connection. How do you cross the river at Weser?

The connection seems feasible and I expect to propose that we have two routes from Silers to Weser over High Rock and the longer any way desired. The short route can be marked and this will close the gap in the A.T.; work on the other can progress at will.

We have thus clear trail from Silers to High Rock and to Bushnell.

In place of the Roundtop route there are two possibilities from the map:

1. come up Panther Creek and cross Grassy Gap by

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(Replied) Masa none Masa from Avery 2/16/1932

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trail shown on Nantahala Quadrangle.

2. If you want to include Cheoah Bald, why not come up Wolf Creek to Stekoah Gap and follow your data for 14.4 m. If you cross at Millers Cove, how would you get to Weser?

Do you advise Chambers Creek or Pilot Ridge? If you take any more trips, I hope you can see the territory between Bushnell and Tyre Top. If the through route seems feasible, we could mark it the next trip I can make south.

The Editor of Appalachia has looked over your pictures and has designated six that he would like to us in future issues. These are as follows:

0-3783- Santeetlah Lake- Hangover- Stratton Bald

2814- Nantahala Gorge

South from Wine Spring Bald.

North from Wayah Bald

0-1705 from Bald Spot

0-3759 Indian Gap

Do you have any extra prints of these which you could devote to this purpose. If you could send them to me, I could forward them to the Editor.

I am looking forward to your next letter.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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(replace:) Wood Hollow
Pompton Ave.
Pompton Plains,
New Jersey
February 19, 1932.

Mr. George Masa
Councillor, Carolina Mountain Club.

Dear Mr. Masa:

This is to express my thanks for the trouble you went to in marking and sending me the maps. I am very much obliged. I guess my letter in regard to yours of the 8th has come. I really don't want you to put yourself to any trouble in answering that right off, as I am not likely to start till May.

Very truly yours,

Stoel Knabenshue

(Replaced) Mesa NCMC

February 24, 1932.

Georgia Appalachian Trail Club,
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club,
Carolina Mountain Club.

Gentlemen:

I am writing this joint letter to save stenographic labor and to bring up to date certain suggestions which I made about getting the Trail data for the Southern Appalachians. My letter is also prompted by Harvey Broome's letter to the effect that he is laying plans to complete getting the data for the Smoky link of the Appalachian Trail by June 1st.

Recent developments have worked out a four section Guidebook for the entire Appalachian Trail. The New England Trail Conference is at work on the New England volume. The second will be Raymond Torrey's expanded New York Walk Book, which will take in data for New Jersey and Pennsylvania to the Susquehanna River. The third is, of course, our book for which we shall issue a supplement covering Maryland and the Unaka Forest. I think that the Unaka Forest section should come in our book because it has so much Virginia material and the title of our Guidebook would warrant its inclusion. This data is available as a log but must be reduced to the narrative. I hope to make a trip in April or early May to get this, then our supplement could be published. The fourth book would have to be prepared by the combined efforts of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club and the Carolina Mountain Club. The trail description should be fairly brief and it seems to me that any detailed maps must necessarily be omitted. Each section can refer to topographic sheets and to the Forest Service maps. If restricted to a mere guide, this book could be issued very cheaply as a pamphlet and local sale would undoubtedly defray its expense. The labor of editing should be slight.

The matter of the Nantahala and Smoky connection is the one unsettled spot on the route. George Masa, particularly, has procured a great deal of data on the possible routes. I should like to be able to personally talk over with the interested organizations the solution of this question in the light of the data developed by his scouting trips.

It might be possible for us to hold some sort of a regional meeting and effect the organization to get out guide data for the Appalachian Trail south from Pisgah.

This letter will serve to stimulate through in this direction and perhaps later I can make a more definite proposal.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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Decatur, Ga.,
Feb. 24, 1932.

Mr. Geo. Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Grove Arcade,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Masa:

I enjoyed your last letter very much.

I'm sure you have heard that the sixth annual Appalachian trail Conference has been postponed until August 1933. If they adopt the plan of holding it every other year that will make it about 1935 before we can get it down in this section again.

These has been some suggestions that we get up a southern conference. I think that there are a good many points in favor of such and feel that, if we do hold a meeting, we should get together this year. We cannot very well hold one next year with the general conference meeting too, so it seems that we should get together this year or wait until 1934.

We are planning to have a week-end get together with the Smoky Mountain club at the southern terminus of the trail, Mt. Oglethorpe, in the late spring about the last of May, I'm wondering if you folks can't join us then and, if possible we'll get the Potomac and Natural Bridge clubs to send representatives. We can stay at Connahaynee Lodge, one of the most delux mountain lodges in the country. I can arrange to get reduced rates there which will make it within the means of all. Their regular rates are $8.00 per day.

I'd like for you to take it up with the proper authorities in you club and let me know just as soon as possible what you think of it. I suggest May 22d as a tentative date, just to get something to start on. We might begin Friday night, May 20th and run through the 22d. If we can't get the Potomac and Natural Bridge Clubs to join us we can at least have the three southern clubs.

I'll be listening for you.

Cordially,

Warner W. Hall

Warner W. Hall

February 27, 1932.

Smoky Mountains Hiking Club,
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club,
Carolina Mountain Club.

Gentlemen:

With reference to my letter of February 19, 1932, with respect to Appalachia carrying articles on the Southern Appalachians, Mr. Underhill, the editor, has called to my attention the fact that under Plan 2, because of the increased material, the subscription rate would be $1.00. I am sorry that I made this error in the original memorandum but it grew out of my misunderstanding through the many plans discussed. I hope the slight increase in cost will not prevent the scheme from becoming effective.

Perhaps, my original memorandum did not make entirely clear that I hope to work this thing out on the basis of Plan 2, in order to have the southern material go in. Of course, if we fail to get the necessary subscriptions, we could fall back on the first plan of letting the individual members get the magazine "as it now is" for 75¢. This, of course, is far less advantageous than the other plan, which we are trying to put into effect.

Warner Hall has suggested that in view of the fact that there will be no Appalachian Trail Conference until August, 1933, that a regional conference could be had in its stead. This is just the thing we expect will happen and that local organizations will get together to discuss their various problems. The Constitution provides for just this sort of thing. I think it would be extremely beneficial.

I hope that our real problem in the south, which is the connection between the Smokies and Hantahala will by that time progress to the state where I can offer a definite suggestion. I should like to be able to attend these regional conferences but I hardly presume that it would be possible.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
Chairman, Board of Managers,
U.S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Mass.
CC: Mr. Underhill.

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March 2, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

We are glad to send you two copies of our Aero map which you request without charge. I am sorry that we cannot send you six but our supply is almost exhausted, in fact we only have four left. This map I am sending, however, is not on the same scale as those issued by the Geological Survey but we believe that they will be of material help to you anyway.

The Tennessee Park Commission has recently given permission to the Geological Survey to include the above section referred to in the big map which is to be issued shortly.

Come over and see us sometime.

Very sincerely yours,

Marguerite Preston

MP:F

Marguerite Preston
Assistant Treasurer

(Kephart:) masa

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

March 3, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

Mr. Cammerer has not been very well and is at home. I have been answering his letters for him so there has come across my desk your very interesting letter of February 20, about your recent conversation with Messrs. Gaskill and Bechtel and others about the proposed Skyline Drive in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

It seems to me that you made out a mighty good case against the Skyline Drive. At any rate, you gave the group the fundamental and essential features and what you told them ought to hold them for a while.

I will send your letter out to Cam at the first opportunity as I know he will be glad to see it.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright
Director.

3/3/32

Dear George.

Your letter of March 1 I get it now. But am I correct in saying that the picture is taken from "bald spot near Mt. Sterling"? Bald Spot isn't the name of a peak is it?

What is new old Black-Mt Ambler? I sit on smoky chair. Don't know it at all.

Yours
Jay Von.

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MARCH 4 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Carolina Mountain Club,
Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

I have your letter of March 1st and also a copy of one sent Warner Hall, under date of February 26th.

On the matter of the joint trip into the Smokies with your Club on April 16th and 17th, I might explain that the apparent conflict between the Hughes Ridge trip and the one to Mount Kephart and the Jump Off on April 17th is due to the fact that some of our members do not feel able to take the longer trips and sometimes do not have the time to do so. For that reason we often schedule a long hike and a short hike for the same weekend. So far as your Club is concerned you may find it desirable not to split your group but to decide which trip you will make and then go in a body.

I know nothing about the trail along the top of the Hughes Ridge but took the matter up with Marshall Wilson, the leader, who states that he has the assurance of a number of mountain men that there is such a trail, However he expects to scout the trip between now and then and will know certainly. Perhaps you can go with him on this scouting trip. Am turning your letter over to him and he states that he will get in touch with you.

I have had no occasion to verify the elevations given in the handbook and am very much surprised at the inaccuracies that you have found. It is to be regretted indeed and the only thing I know to do is to see that they do not occur again next year.

The hiking distances, I prepared myself, from my own notes and feel that they are accurate as can be obtained by means of a bicycle wheel. However we are checking again all of the State line distances this Spring in preparation for submitting the data, for some Appalachian Trail publication.

We scouted the Hang-over trail only to Stratton's Bald which is about two miles beyond Hang-over and almost to the State line.

(Replied) Masa Letter from Broome 3/4/1932

#2 - Mr. George Masa

I'm awfully sorry about the car and know how ~~that~~ it cramps you in your scouting work. It looks as though the Appalachian Trail Conference should make a donation toward securing you another one!

I hope that you are feeling well, though I am ashamed to confess that I have had a cold for the last two weeks which has bothered me just a bit.

Hope to see you in Georgia -

Harvey.

Harvey.

March 4, 1932

Mr. Warner Hall, President,
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club,
Decatur, Ga.

Dear Warner:

I have your letter of February 24th and also a more recent one from George Masa, suggesting a regional conference somewhere in Georgia in the late Spring.

Previously we have received an invitation from Armand Thorpe to go to the Tate Mountain estate and have referred the matter to a committee.

I think that there is enough interest in the Club, especially since the postponement of the A T Conference, to have such a meeting. I believe we could get a considerable group though I would rather have a report of our committee and a consideration by the directors before talking in terms of the specific weekend.

I am very sorry that I did not find it best to go on the hike with you fellows to LeConte but I am gratified that a much larger number turned out and started from here Saturday afternoon.

Please advise me of any developments. I am somewhat concerned as to what might be taken up at this regional meeting. Could you work out a tentative program for some of us to look over?

Very cordially yours,

Harvey Broome
President

Saturday

Dear George:

I have just returned from three days at New York and find your letter of March 7th. Sorry I didn't make it clearer. Yes the $1 will cover the two issues of Appalachia. Will you tell George Stephens for me also. You can keep the enclosure for your Club records. I think this makes it clear now. I have had favorable reports from all Clubs except Smokies. Had favorable report on $.75 cost but they have, of course, to resubmit the $1.00 price. Am leaving for Boston Tuesday. Took the new Smoky map to New York but didn't have much opportunity to study it.

Expect final word from Smoky Club in a day or so.

Hastily

Myron

(Asheville) Masa Needham

UNITED STATES
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MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 8, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Carolina Mountain Club, Inc.,
Grove Arcade,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Masa:

In reply to your letter of March 3, this letter will be your authority for camping in the park, and building camp fires when it may be necessary.

It is understood you will be very careful with fire and extinguish camp fires after they have answered your purpose.

Firearms and dogs are not permitted in the park, nor may live trees be used as fuel. Boughs may not be cut for beds.

It is only necessary for one man in the party to have a camping permit. It will be impossible to give a blanket camping permit for all members of your club, and it is suggested that if those who desire camping permits will forward their names, we shall be very glad to issue permits, or if you desire permits may be secured from Assistant Chief Ranger Needham at Bryson City.

Sincerely yours,

J. R. Eakin,
Superintendent.

JRE/R
cc- Mr. Needham,

(Replied) Ivan
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March 8, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I have tried, without too much success, to plot on the Unaka map, the route as covered by the log sent me. I wonder if your office could do this and send me the map. The description runs through to Unaka Springs, but I had understood that there was some difficulty in the Southern end of the forest. Just what is the situation?

I am hoping to make my trip within the next two months and I am giving some thought to my itinerary. The 150 miles could be divided into a six or seven day trip, taking the shortest legs at the outset of the trip. I should start, of course, at Dixon Ferry. I should like to give some thought to my itinerary, with the view of carrying as little camping equipment and supplies as possible. I thought I would mention it to you now, so that you might talk it over with your rangers at your convenience and let me know what is possible, so I can plan accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

March 5, 1932.

Mr. Frank Bond,
Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Department of Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly mail to me at the address given below, two copies of your decisions of January 15, 1932, which contain so much Smoky Mountain material. I have read these decision with great interest.

Will you also kindly send a copy of this document to K. S. Board, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. and Lt. Commander Walter S. Diehl, Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

I am led to ask if, perhaps, there is not an inaccuracy in the decision for "Iron Mountains". On page 4, 2nd column, you have twice stated that the Iron Mountains are in North Carolina. Should it not have been Tennessee? Also was not the reference to Hiwassee River, which is in Northern Georgia, perhaps unintended.

In the Bald Mountains, your reference to the possible name of Max Patch to the link between the Big Pigeon and French Broad is, perhaps, obscurely stated. It might be thought a competing name for the entire Bald Mountain segment.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Messrs. Fink and Masa of the Tennessee and Carolina Commissions, respectively. If you do not have the name of George Masa, Asheville, North Carolina, on your mailing list to receive the decisions, I think you would wish to add it, as he has been most active on the North Carolina Commission. He has prepared maps and a great deal of other material.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa.
CC: Mr. Fink.

(Kephart Memorial Home)

FRANK B. COOK

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March 8, 1932

Mr. George Masa
P.O.Box 1348
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

Jocassee is twelve or fifteen miles northeast of Walhalla, and six or eight miles from Salem, S. C. The best route would be by way of Walhalla. Come up sometime when I am not too busy and I might condescend to go with you, provided you make good postcards of all Highlands pictures and send me several of each for samples.

You certainly are a dumb one not to be able to locate Jocassee on a map --- after looking half an hour, I find that even I am unable to locate it on the map, but I can show it to you if you have a good automobile and plenty of gas!

Now, about this $500 - I am not acquainted with anyone who has that much money, but will keep on the look-out.

Had a letter from Mr. Coburn in regard to the Horace Kephart Memorial.

With kind regards from Mrs. Cook and myself, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Frank

Frank B. Cook

FBC/V

(Kephart?) Masa home

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON

MAR -8 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I wish to thank you for sending me the recent photographs taken along the North Carolina road to Newfound Gap. They are very interesting and enlightening. The five pictures with the attached sketch gives me a good idea of the road work being done by the North Carolina Highway Department near Newfound Gap.

Yours very truly,

Horace M. Albright,
Director.

March 8, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I have your letter, which explains the Old Black-Mt. Ambler. I am mighty glad to have the new map and nomenclature report. I shall study it at length and write you. I am particularly glad to have it because on Sunday night I was reading The Great South, by William King and noticed a beautiful view of the Catlooche Canyon and a beautifully symmetrical peak by that name. As the party was going along a road, your map made the whole thing clear. The peak was probably Catlooche Balsam.

I wish you would see to it that the Club lets me know about Appalachian before the 14th of March, as I am going to Boston at that time and should like to be in a position to make up the matter with the Editor of Appalachia.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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March 15, 1932.

Mr. Frank J. Bond,
Chairman,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

My good friend Paul M. Fink has sent me a copy of his letter to you of March 12th. I am interested in his comment on Siler Bald. In the Guyot days it was known as Little Bald. It is half a mile off the Appalachian Trail in the Nantahala Forest and when I passed by it on a trip through the forest last summer, I was struck by the name. The Smoky Mountain has "s" on the end which is missing from the Nantahala and as the two ranges are quite distant I do not think that there would be any confusion.

Your definition of the segments of the Western Chain was an excellent piece of work. I notice, however, that the small broken up section of the range between the Doe and Watauga is omitted; that is, the Stone Mountains come to the Watauga and the ~~Bald~~ Unaka commence at the Doe.

I think that the request of my letter of the 8th for an additional copy of the decision was overlooked. Can you send me this?

Do you propose to work out the nomenclature of the segments south of the Hiwassee?

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Fink,
Jonesboro, Tenn.

(Kephart:) Mard
NCHC

From Fink

March 15, 1932.

Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro,
Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

I am very pleased to have your letter of March 12th; your letters are a bit rare. I am enclosing a copy of a letter, which is self-explanatory, to the Geographic Board.

I have sent you under separate cover the photos of the Guyot maps to scale. All the copies hithertofore had been made from a photograph of this original, which I had thought was lost and had been hunting for for months. The original turned up in the Survey records. You will see that Guyot revised the eastern half in 1865. We photographed the old map, the revision and then the revision imposed on the old map. I am also sending a copy to George Mase. If I had known of an enlarged photograph of the 1861 map, which Mason procured sometime ago, I would have realized that the Survey had turned up the original map.

We want to get out a supplement to our Guidebook soon, taking in Maryland and the Unaka distances. I am enclosing the log which Mr. Graham prepared. We want to reduce this to a narrative and for this purpose, I am planning to make a trip through the Unaka at the first opportunity. Certain conditions indicate that I should do this as soon as possible and I may do it within the next month and on very short notice. For this reason, I hope you can place the matter of adjusting the lower end of the route at the top of your crowded docket. Graham's log runs to Unaka Springs and I am puzzled about the statement that the connection between the Unaka Forest and Nolechucky is unsettled. You see we want to run our data to the Nolechucky where the Carolina Club would pick it up.

(Kplat) Mss
NCMC

Myron H. Avery
3/15/1932

If there is any difficulty, would you take it up with Mr. Graham as soon as possible. I have already written him asking for suggestions as to an itinerary, for in order to save time, I want to carry as little camping equipment as possible.

This section will now commence at New River rather than Byllesby Dam, so that a few miles will have to be added to the description.

I am sending a copy of this letter to George Mase (together with a carbon of Mr. Graham's log) and a copy to Mr. Graham, in order to facilitate matters.

You may have some ideas as to how I could work out the itinerary in the lower section of the forest.

We must work out the route exactly before we try to write up the Guidebook data and I hope that we can settle this as soon as possible, so that I can make the trip and complete the work.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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L-Recreation, Nantahala

FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Mar.15,1932.

Mr. George Masa,
P.O.Box 1348,
Asheville,N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

I am sending you some uncolored prints which I presume will be satisfactory for your purposes. When we get the regular tourist folder, I shall send you a number of them and ask your help in getting them to interested parties.

I thank you for the U.S.Geographic Board leaflet with the notation of the change from Nantahala Gap to Wayah Gap.

Very sincerely yours,

John B Byrne

John B. Byrne,
Forest Supervisor.

Incl.

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Your letter of March 14 forwarding the clipping from the Asheville Citizen-Times containing the open letter from Gaskill and Bechtel to the Asheville Chamber of Commerce has been received.

I am glad to be informed on the various phases of interest affecting the park. I note that Mr. Marsh has made the road connection to Indian Gap which you previously sent pictures of and called it to our attention. Thanking you for your letter and the clipping, I am

Sincerely yours,

Horace M. Albright,
Director.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
UNAKA NATIONAL FOREST

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BRISTOL, TENNESSEE

L-Recreation-Unaka
Appalachian Trail

March 21, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Box #1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

Your letter of March 10 is received, and I am sorry to say that we do not have a new map of the Unaka National Forest, but in case our most recent issue should be more up to date then any you may have, I am taking a chance of sending you a few copies.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter of this date to Myron Avery and you will note that I have suggested that you and Paul Fink get together with him and work out that section of the Trail between Unaka Springs and Flint Ridge Gap. I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

C. L. Graham

C. L. GRAHAM,
Forest Supervisor.

Enclosures.

(Kephart?) mss
NCHC

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L-Recreation-Unaka
Appalachian Trail

March 21, 1932.

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Avery:

Your letter of March 8 is received, and I regret to say that it is pretty much out of the question for us to attempt right now to plot the Appalachian Trail log on one of our maps. We are right in the middle of what promises to be a difficult fire season, and are pretty much over loaded in all respects. It is my suggestion that this plotting can be best done at the time you make your trip over the Trail, and thereby adjust the Trail description to various discrepancies which you doubtless will find on the map.

In regard to your itinerary, it is my suggestion that after leaving New River that you plan on spending the first night with C. B. Jackson on Brush Creek, who will be able to give you a good deal of local information and should also be able to give you some valuable suggestions as to your immediate route through that section of the Trail. Just where you might spend the next night I am not so sure, but suggest that you plan on staying with Steve Cornett at Comers Rock. Steve functions as lookout man at the Comers Rock lookout house, and is intimately acquainted with this whole section of the country. Incidentally, as a matter of personal interest he accompanied Mr. Maulsee at the time we under took the marking of the Appalachian Trail in that vicinity. The next stop after leaving Comers Rock should be with Zeb Phipps which lies on the road between Sugar Grove and Flat Ridge, Va. Mr. Phipps has the reputation of being a blockader of some skill and should be able to take care of you without any trouble. The following night could well be spent with R. J. Brooks who lives west of Trout Dale and is one of our most effective fire wardens. Additional stopping places can be found with Lum Martin at Skull Gap, Mrs. J. A. Saul, Damascus, Flemming Scott on the Bristol-Mountain City road, Elizabethton, and Mr. Birchfield at Limestone Cove. The section between the west end of the Holston Mountain and Limestone Cove is at present located along automobile roads and for that reason it would be desirable for you to spend a night at Elizabethton and then travel by car from Winters to Limestone Cove and there pick up the foot section of the Trail over the Unaka Mountains. The first day's trip out of Limestone Cove will just about land

Avery from Graham
3/21/1932

you at Indian Grave Gap and since there is no stopping place at this point I would suggest that you make arrangements with someone to meet you there with a car and take you to Erwin for the night and you can then return to Indian Grave Gap in the morning and make the trip to Unaka Springs in one day without being bothered with any luggage. It is not unlikely that I can arrange such auto travel as you may need if I am informed well in advance.

It is true that there is some doubt as to whether the present location of the Trail between Indian Grave Gap and Unaka Springs is as it should be, but the real difficulty in that section is to connect the Unaka Springs with the Trail on the Cocke County line at Flint Ridge Gap, and it is my understanding that this latter section is something that Mr. Fink and Mr. Maas were to work out at their leisure. There is a wide divergence of opinion as to the most desirable location through that section and I believe it deserves rather careful consideration.

I am enclosing a map on which I have indicated roughly the stops outlined in the above itinerary, and will be glad to give you any further information which may be helpful to you. The only trouble with the itinerary as shown is that it does not include a visit to this office, but I presume that is something that can be worked out at the time you make the trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.

C. L. GRAHAM,
Forest Supervisor.

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March 25, 1932.

Judge Arthur Perkins,
97 Gillette Street,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Judge Perkins;

How are you getting along these days, hope you gain your health as normal, I am physically good shape take hike every Sunday with our Club.

~~I am so sorry I didn't see you last Conference,~~ but I met your daughter, indeed she is very nice lady.

A. T. ~~seems to me going very fine~~ and within a few months it will be nearly complete, only two gaps - one, from Nolichucky River to Devils Fork Gap about 28 miles and other one from Tapoco (end of Smokies) to Nantahala Mountain about 45 miles, latter I scouted some part of, but need two more trips, former section supposed be Paul Fink and Hodge Mathes take care of, but so far done nothing, I guess I have to push wheel. Hot Springs to Waterville, East end of Smokies, we pushed wheel, but proposed route follows highway 8.1 m also follows logging railroad 4.8 m, so I must relocate these part

DR. ROY LYMAN SEXTON
SUITE 414
WASHINGTON MEDICAL BUILDING
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

March 25, 1932

Mr. George Masa
Arcade Building
Asheville
North Carolina

Dear George:

I am just getting up after a siége in bed with Mr. La Grippe and have only begun to take up my correspondence today. Mr. Cammerer has also been in bed for a month on account of a general breakdown, so you see the climate in Washington may not be good for us and maybe we had better all move to Asheville.

I ask your pardon for my delay in answering your letter but it would have made no difference either way as I would not have been able up to this time to raise money to help you with your new enterprise. I feel quite certain that you will be successful as I know that you are the only one in the field for Smoky Mountain pictures. The Park is now assured and it does look as if it came through in the nick of time as the depression and bank failures would have cancelled most of the donations and subscriptions, had the project been two years later.

I am expecting to come by the Great S mokies and will probably stop at Asheville on my way home from a trip which I am taking April 8 to 10. I will let you know just what day I will be in Asheville and where I will be located. I would like to see you and will do everything I can to assist you in moving to your new place.

Best wishes for success and kind regards.

Very truly yours,

Roy Lyman Sexton, M. D.

RLS/S

March 31, 1932.

Mr. John J. Cameron,
Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

With reference to your letter to me of March 16, 1932 and our subsequent correspondence relating to this matter.

Mr. Masa has suggested that the reference to the counties in the Iron Mountain decision of January 15, 1932 is not entirely correct. I take it that for "Graham" you intended "Grayson".

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa.

I am enclosing a letter from Paul which explains the gap ~~between~~ in the Mountain System.

M.H.A.

(Kphart:) masa WMC

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Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George.-

Is it possible to scare me up one of the latest editions of your map of the North Carolina side? I wish we had one to exchange with you but the best we can offer is a list of our names which we are having made for you. Each name carries a description of location so I think you will have no trouble locating them on the big maps. This list of names will be sent you just as soon as we have finished typing them.

Will be glad to hear from you and with hearts a bustin' we are

Yours very truly,

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April 5, 1932.

Mr. Geo. Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

A week or so ago Harvey Broome let me read a letter you had sent him in which reference was made to the hike scheduled for the 17th of April on which our and your Hiking Clubs will join.

Possibly you are familiar with our plans as they are outlined in our 1932 handbook. We had planned a "Hughes Ridge Hike from Smokemont" on April 16 and 17, as well as a hike to Mt. Kephart on the 17th. At a director's meeting Tuesday evening the "Hughes Ridge from Smokemont" Hike was definitely postponed until May 28 and 29. This will take the place formerly scheduled for the Conference at Rutland, Vt.

The situation now is as follows:

The Smoky Mountains Hiking Club will meet with your Club and the Bryson City Club on Sunday, April 17 at the Newfound Gap at about ten o'clock A. M. and hike with you to Mt. Kephart and the Jump Off.

On May 28, our Club plans to drive to Smokemont and spend the night and hike up the Hughes Ridge and back on Sunday the twenty-ninth. On this trip we should be happy to have you and your club join us if convenient. I suggest that, if you are interested, you write Harvey about it.

Dr. H. M. Jennison and I have been appointed leaders for the Hughes Ridge hike and we are looking forward with a great deal of pleausre to meeting with your group. I know we will have a grand time together.

Yours very truly,

Marshall A. Wilson

(Verbal:) Masa NCMC

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Mr. George Masa,
c/o Carolina Mountain Club,
Grove Arcade,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to announcement Vo. II, No. 4, I see there are new maps of the Smokies now available and enclose check for $1.00 to cover copy of such map and the sending of same to me. Or, perhaps you could send me two and I will remit you any difference there is.

One of these days I hope to be tramping around the hills with some of you people, which pleasure I have not had as yet although I have been a member of the Club for a long while.

Thanking you for your attention,

Yours very truly,

George G. Westfeldt.

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Jonesboro, Tenn.,
April 8th, 1932.

Dear George,

Clingman's book is being returned you today by insured mail. Many thanks to you for sending it, though, just as you stated, there was little in it pertaining to my subject that I did not already have.

As to Forney Ridge, I think the matter should depend on local usage, rather than what the old G. S. maps have said, for they have shown themselves in error many times. Local usage is the rule we have followed wherever possible.

Your question regarding Stone Mountain is well taken, and shortly I will take that up with the Geographic Board, as I had some little to do with the naming of the upper end of the State line. Stone Mt. on North Indian Creek is so small as compared to the big ridge to be called Stone Mts., that the Board evidently overlooked it.

I'm still hoping to get a chance to scout out and mark some of that trail between the Nolichucky and Devils Fork Gap. When I reported no trail between Sams Gap and Devils Fork Gap I was evidently quoting the sam man who told you as much. I had inquired in that vicinity. I still believe that when a native calls a trail "not so good," it means for the outlander just about no trail at all.

Sincerely,

Paul

(Kphart:) Mara NCMC

April 9, 1932.

Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro,
Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

I am very glad to hear from you again. I am hoping to make my Unaka trip in late April but I do not know how this can work out. Tell Lena for me, that I know what would await me at Jonesboro. It would be worth the trip alone.

As far as I know there is no way to get books from the Library of Congress except by having your Congressman borrow them for you. Certain Government officials have this privilege but not lowly employees of the Shipping Board. I have great difficulty in getting hold of maritime publication from our Library.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

(Expert:) Masa Maps

April 9, 1932.

Mr. John J. Cameron,
Secretary,
United States Geographic Board.

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Thank you for your letter of April 7, 1932, telling me that the decision should have said "Grayson" instead of "Graham".

I have been passing on to you any piecemeal comments which come on to me from people interested in the decisions on the Smoky Mountains. This letter is another of the series. Mr. George Masa, whose remarkable photographs of the Southern Appalachians and whose work on the map of the Smokies, you undoubtedly are familiar with, has written of the short range shown on the Unaka Forest Map between Doe River and North Indian Creek. It bears the name "Stone" Mountain. This is unfortunate, in that it affords a confusion with the Stone Mountains on the boundary and as a matter of fact, this short section is an extension of the Iron Mountains, whose boundary was placed at the Watauga River. In commenting on Mr. Masa's query, Mr. Fink said that undoubtedly the name Iron Range should have been extended westwardly to include this segment, although the segment is insufficient in comparison with the main Iron Ridge. Mr. Masa has suggested that this segment might be called Little Stone Mountain; otherwise confusion results with the boundary Stone Mountains and the western boundary given by the Board for the Iron Mountains, which cuts off this segment.

I am sure that an examination of the Unaka map would show just what I had in mind.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Masa.
CC: Mr. Fink.

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As from Box 1215 -
Knoxville, Tenn.
Apr. 11, 1932.

Dear George -

Your letter of April 6 forwarded to me here. I may see you at the Jump Off the next week-end, but don't know yet.

I will forward your letter to Marshall Wilson and ask him to get in touch with you and look into the matter of hiking over the route you suggest.

A letter from Warner Hall, dated April 7 - suggests the week-end of May 21-22 as a possible one for the Georgia get-together. What do you think ought to be done at such a meeting?

Will look up your map at Jim's.

Hiked 19 miles yesterday with Cincinnati Chapter of A.W.A. Much fun -

Sincerely - Harvey Broome

(Kephart) Masa
UCMC

April 12, 1932.

Mr. C. Armand Thorpe,
Tate Mountain Estates,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Thorpe;

Thank you for your letter of April 8th, and kindly invitaion which extend to our Club members.

I hope a bunch of our members to attend this meeting, ofcause I will be there anyway and I will do best I can bring our members more to this meeting.

This is great chance to see southern end of Appalachian Trail, I might be in your city for Photographers Convention in next week, if so sure I will come up to see you talk this matter over.

I have some plan and I like to talk with you yes it is business.

Warner Hall wrote me "call your particular attention to a letter of Horace Kephart entitled - A Fitting Tribute" and he sent me your folder, ofcause he doesn't know I took Kep with me to that trip. I have whole copy of the letter which Kep wrote to Mr. Tate.

Will write you soon, with bestregagards,

Very sincerely yours,

(Kephart:) Masa
NCMC

April 14, 1932.

Dr. Roy Lyman Sexton,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Sexton:

I expected to see you last Sunday on way your return trip to Washington, I tried call you at Gatlinburg Saturday night by long distance but connection somehow very busy couldn't hold line before 11:30 so gave up.

Newspaperman told me you were in party, so I put in my call, I am so sorry I couldn't to see you.

I believe you are shape up this time, I was in Smokemont yesterday and met Mr. Eakin, Mr. Taylor and Mr. White and others. I have one plan in my mind and particularlly I want to talk with you before I take this matter up to Mr. Cam.

Soon my plan line up I may come over to Washington if so sure I have chance to see you, with very best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

(Kephart?) Masa NCMC From Ace

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April 18, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I had rather expected that the movement for a road along the crest line of the Smokies would soon materialize. As you know ~~thing~~ *this* thing has gone through for 40 miles in the Shenandoah Park. Because of the construction problems it cannot be exactly a skyline route but it crowds out the trail in the gaps. Personally, I think it very unfortunate but it is perhaps a selfish point of view and keeps others from enjoying these mountainous areas. There seems to me, however, such a difference between the Shenandoah and the Smoky, so even if there were one in the Shenandoah there is no reason for having it in the Smoky area. I doubt if it can be headed off although the present economic situation may stop it for some time.

Your sketch map of the trails in the Smoky area is an excellent piece of work. I have studied it and re-studied it. It should be made into a lanternslide for the Appalachian Trail collection. Did you make a tracing and have blueprints made from the tracing. If so, perhaps you can send me one of the blueprints.

Speaking of lantern slides, calls to mind that I had intended to write you a personal letter when the circular one went out to the various members of the Clubs to build up a lantern slide collection for the Conference's use. We are getting a few slides from the Forest Service for the Pisgah area but for the Nantahala and Northern Georgia region and for much of the Smokies, I knew that you had the material which was needed.

I know just how hard the going is at the present time and despite the plan to try to get the Clubs to contribute a few slides of their areas, I do not want any request made of you which would add to your present

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burdens. As a matter of fact, I did not know whether you made lantern slides yourself and if not whether you would be disposed to send in any negatives for having slides made here. You know what we are trying to get: representative views of the trail or scenes - such as Nantahala Gorge- closely adjacent. I did think, however, that if you made slides, it might be possible to work out some arrangement so that we could get what we needed from you and keep you from making any donation of material or spending any money. Won't you write me frankly as to the situation in this respect, so that I can take it up with Mr. Binkley?

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
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WASHINGTON

April 20, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

Mr. Albright and I enjoyed your letter of April 9 so much.

You surely are the Great Smoky Mountains patriot, and we get more clippings of helpfulness from you than from any other local source. For this we are grateful to you.

The fact that you have been inquiring in your letters concerning my condition led Mr. Albright to turn your letter over to me so that I could reassure you personally that I am fit in every way and could lick my weight in wild cats. My doctors apparently saw that there was no other way for me to be a good fellow and do a little physical repair work except by putting me to bed, and I am just beginning to feel the benefits of it.

I am going to take dinner with Doctor Sexton tonight, and I will make it a point to give him your regards.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Cam

~~Associate Director.~~

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Copy for Mr. George Masa

April 22, 1932

Colonel W. H. Stoughton
Max Patch Lodge, K. P. D.
Bluff, N. C.

Dear Colonel Stoughton:

When I had the pleasure of seeing you at the office to-day, it was my thought that I would see you again on Sunday. This letter will advise you that I cannot be with you at that time.

My failure to go to Max Patch on Sunday will in no wise interfere with the motorcade and hiking trip of the Carolina Mountain Club. I am sending copies of this letter to Mr. Jesse F. Buell and Mr. George Masa, members of that organization, who will call upon you immediately upon the arrival at Max Patch of the delegation.

I will write you again in a few days, further regarding the business matter which we discussed this morning.

Thanking you for the trouble you are taking to assist the members of the Carolina Mountain Club, I am as ever,

Cordially yours,

Henry W. Shaw

(Replace) Nina Decne [illegible]

April 23,

Dear George:

I have your letter of April 21st. Our original idea was to cut down costs and get more slides by having the slides uncolored but made so that they could be later colored. I suppose you know how this is.

If colored how and where would this be done? What about the cost.

Now as to what we want, George. Without seeing your entire collection this is impossible for us to say. Generally we want outstanding scenic things on the A.T. or closely adjacent. We want to play up the region. Now it seems to me that the best thing would be for you to send a list of subjects and figure out per slide just what you could turn over uncolored slides to us at your leisure for. If you were in doubt an other scheme might be to send a bunch of prints for final selction but I am sure you can tell what we should have. Now Mr. Binkley made a list of photos of yours from those which I had. I don't know if he can still find but I am sending him a carbon of this letter so that he can send the list for your guidance. If you don't get it in a week let me know so that I can stir him up on it.

I would say make a list of about 50 things.

Oh, yes send the sketch map for a slide, anyway. Send it to Binkley. C.H.Kinkley, 1821 Riggs Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

When we hear from you we can go ahead

Hastily

Myron

(Replied:) Mesa NCMC From Avery

April 29, 1952.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Forest Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I have been studying your letter of March 21st suggesting an itinerary in conjunction with the Trail data. My scheme to travel the Unaka section in order to change the log into narrative Guidebook data has been very difficult to put into action. There are several factors which have contributed to this uncertainty. I had planned to cover the entire Forest and expected to start this week-end when a case coming on for trial in Boston unexpectedly upset my arrangements.

You know of the scheme to cover the Appalachian Trail in a series of four Guidebooks. Our Guidebook is No. 3 and it should cover at least all of Virginia. I had originally thought that it would take in all of the Unaka Forest. I believe now that the most effective division would be to have our book stop at the Virginia-Tennessee line at Damascus. The remainder of the UNAKA would fall within the fourth or extreme Southern Guidebook. To carry our book into Tennessee seems a bit too far flung and there would be inadequate treatment of the surrounding regions.

I had hoped that Paul Fink and Hodge Matthes might join me for a day and since I would have the measuring wheel we could get the data for that blind spot between the Nolichucky and Devil's Fork Gap.

I have concluded that I shall have to make a much shorter trip than I had expected. I shall try to get the data from New River to Damascus and as much additional as the time and facilities permit. My plans are as follows:

Leave Washington Thursday night- May 5th;
Arrive Galax 10:30 A.M. and hike to C. S. Jackson's from Galax;
Saturday - go to Comer's Rock and stay with Steve Cornett;
Sunday- stay with R. J. Brooks at Trout Dale;

(Kephart) Masa NCMC Graham from Avery 4/29/1932

Monday- stay at Mrs. J. A. Saul's, Damascus.

At that point I can be in touch with you and Fink and it depends upon conditions and to what additional work I can do.

I do not have the addresses of Messrs. Jackson, Cornett and Brooks, so I am obliged to ask if you will be good enough to let these people know I expect to arrive.

It is very important for me to make arrangements so that I can be reached if necessary, each day and that is why I am trying to be careful in working out an itinerary and have your office know where I can be reached for I am obliged to arrange to have any messages telegraphed to you.

I had understood that there was a section between Dixon's Ferry and Byllesby Dam which does not have any A. T. markers. I suppose you can arrange to have this marked at sometime.

I am writing to Mrs. Saul.

This letter will give you an opportunity to write me any further suggestions or plans which will be received when I return from Boston on Wednesday.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Fink
CC: Mr. Masa
CC: Mr. Cole
CC. Mr. Matthes

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
FIELD HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN ENGINEERING DIVISION
WASHINGTON

May 2, 1932

Mr. George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Under separate cover I am mailing you three copies of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park base map which recently came from the press. This map has a few inaccuracies and omissions but I am sure you will find it of considerable value to you. The name "Cherokee" was inadvertently omitted but with this map as a fore-runner of the engraved map which the Geological Survey will later publish many of the names and questions can be more fully considered.

If you wish additional copies of this map please feel free to ask for them either at this office or through Superintendent Eakin.

Sincerely yours,

Oliver G. Taylor,
Assistant Chief Engineer.

(Kephart') Masa UCMC

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May 2, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Arcade Building,
Asheville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

That was typically thoughtful of you to write your letter of April 28 with the press clippings and photographs.

Thank you very much for these; they are very helpful. I have turned the photographs over to our landscape division.

Sincerely yours,

Arno B. Cammerer

Associate Director.

(Kephart) Masa UCNC

Jonesboro, Tenn.
May 2nd, 1932.

Dear Avery,

I have copy of your letter to Mr. C. L. Graham, and am glad to know that you will be coming this way soon.

Tonight I have talked with Hodge Mathes. We fear that neither he nor I will be able to get into the woods with you this trip, for each of us has to be out of town some days this week, and consequently can't be away from work so soon after. He proposes, and I agree entirely, that he and I enlist the aid of one or two persons in Johnson City and on some of these Spring Sundays log the section of the Trail between the Holichucky and Devils Fork Gap. I think I have plenty of markers for that distance, and feel sure I can lay my hand on a measuring wheel.

Get in touch with me when you get into this section, and if possible arrange to spend at least a day with me. There will be many things to talk over.

Friday night I deliver a most learned and erudite (that's a good word, is it not?) paper on "The Early Explorers of the Great Smokies" before the East Tennessee Historical Society at Knoxville. Your indefatigable (another good word) labors in digging up smoky data is mentioned. You may peruse (third good word) this paper when you come.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, I am,

Sincerely,

Paul M Fink

Copy to
Mr. C. L. Graham
Mr. George Masa.

CCM Mr. Masa.
CC: Mr. Cole
CC: Mr. Matthes

May 4, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Graham:

I appreciate your letter of the 30th, which has reached me in ample time. Your assurance that you have passed on to the necessary people my arrangements makes it much easier for me. Yes, I would rather stay in the Lookout House on Comer's Rock for several reasons, including saving of time. I presume, of course that bedding and food will be available there.

My plan ~~for~~ reaching Damascus will depend upon conditions and the progress I have made. I may be able to put in another day's traveling. If so it would be to my advantage to sleep at Damascus but undoubtedly we could arrange to see each other that evening. Perhaps we had better leave it that I will call you as soon as I get to Damascus.

I should like very much to see Mr. Scott again. He may not remember me.

I also have Fink's letter of May 2nd. What I had in mind was that after reaching Damascus I might interrupt the Geographical sequence and by carefully laid out plans, we might succeed in getting the data for this dark spot. With that out of the way, we would have the Southern Section completed except for the link between Smoky and Nantahala, which I hope ~~to~~ solve soon. We will have to hold him to his promise to get out some Sunday unless the spirit moves them and they decide to take another Tuesday or Wednesday off.

I am counting on seeing you Monday evening.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

(Kephart?) Masa NCMC From Avery

May 6, 1932.

Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club,
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club,
Carolina Mountain Club,
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club,
Mr. Raymond H. Torrey,
Mr. Arthur C. Comey,
Mr. Arthur Perkins,
Mr. Benton MacKaye
Publications Committee, Appalachia
Mr. H. F. Rentschler.
Mr. George Masa.

Gentleman:

I am writing this joint letter to set forth the developments in the proposals set forth in my letters of February 19th and 27th, 1932, relative to increasing the scope of Appalachia to include articles on the Southern Appalachians and notesof the activities of the Southern Clubs. We were able to procure guarantees of 120 subscriptions from the Southern Clubs, including ten miscellaneous subscriptions from Pennsylvania organizations. I was in Boston subsequently and discussed the matter with Mr. Underhill, editor of Appalachia. Mr. Underhill expressed himself as pleased with the response to this proposal and was then willing to recommend to the Council of the Appalachian Mountain Club that the arrangement be put into effect with the 120 guaranteed subscriptions and the probability of an increase as soon as the magazine became better known in the South. We were, however, faced with a rather practical problem. Other than the long manuscript of the Southern Appalachians, prepared by Arnold Guyot and deposited in the Library of the Coast & Geodetic Survey, presenting a very comprehensive and clear account of the complex Southern Appalachian System, there was no material available for the June issue which must now go to press. This Guyot manuscript with its footnotes would run through at least three issues and would require considerable time for further editing. The manuscript is, however, particularly appropriate to serve as the beginning of articles on the Southern Appalachians, as it would constitute the ground work for the entire region. If the scheme were deferred until December there would be a loss of interest which would perhaps prevent the plan from becoming effective as the guarantees contemplated an immediate putting into effect of the arrangement. Further, the June issue of Appalachia contains an article on the geology of the entire Appalachian System and the use of the Guyot article on the geography of this system would have resulted in an unbalanced issue, which must be avoided. A reproduction of the Guyot map and manuscript involve an expense far in excess of that contemplated originally.

After considering the whole situation, Mr. Underhill wrote me as follows:

> "My conclusion is that the only practicable plan on which we can work this year is the second I originally proposed to you, of taking subscriptions at 75 cents for the magazine as it is. The value to the southern clubs would be the present

geological article-- which I arranged for with a special eye to this circulation and which I think ought to serve a useful purpose in making all of us generally 'Appalachian-minded,' the Guyot article, and the southern trail notes. This seems to me a substantial representation of southern material. But I am simply leaving it to them; we shall put out that sort of a magazine and they are the judges of whether it is worth the money to them. I shall order an extra hundred copies anyway. I do not expect there will be many subscriptions, this year at least, and that ought to cover them with a margin.

"This plan is after all the only one I really think workable. I don't want in any way to get into the box of having to print anything because of obligations outside. And on the other hand we will always print good southern material anyway, so you can go ahead and line up any authors you hear about. The more subscriptions we get, the more extra pages we can print and the more specifically southern material. But I am still ready to try the other plan next year, if we get the material beforehand.

"I am planning to put in the trail notes on southern Virginia and Connecticut; Maryland will have to wait over."

After considering the matter further, Mr. Underhill wrote me on April 12, 1932, as follows:

"Since I last wrote you some very important new facts have developed. It seems that we are running badly behind on our finances this year, in the Club. There have been many more resignations than usual, and many more members dropped for non-payment of dues; while new candidates are not nearly so numerous. This all beongs with the general depression. All the committees will probably have to cut their expenses. 'Appalachia' is particularly affected, in that our ads. are running low.

"In consequence of all this, it is quite uncertain what sort of number we shall be able to put out in the fall, or even whether we shall put out any number at all. Hence I do not see how we can put any proposition up to the southern clubs at this time, as we cannot guarantee anything; and so I have not made any proposal to the Council. I have consulted with Ex-President Peabody, and he agrees with me that this is the only thing we can properly do, much as we regret giving up the opportunity to carry out the scheme talked about.

"It will therefore have to go over to a more prosperous period. A further reason for this is that I, personally, shall have to retire as editor of 'Appalachia' next year, owing to the great pressure of my other work, and I do not like to saddle my successor with a scheme that is still all in the experimental stages. I think he should be free to take it up or not himself, since he will have the labor of making a success of it.

(Kephart:)Masa
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"Thanks again for all your trouble in this matter, and I hope it can be worked out after all, before the enthusiasm wanes entirely."

Under the circumstances this matter will have to remain in abeyance until the policy of the magazine is worked out a bit more definitely in accordance with future developments.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H Avery.

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
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Mr. Henderson had left the office,

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May 5, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

The letter which I have written to the Southern Clubs and have sent you a copy of, will explain what I am trying to do with the Guyot manuscript. I wish now to take advantage of the interval and have it checked by people who know the Southern Appalachians. I particularly want to make sure of the correctness of my footnote references to the Balsams and Southern Blue Ridge.

I wish you would read it over carefully and write me of any errors or other suggested footnotes.

It has been suggested that modern altitudes be inserted in brackets in the manuscript, so, in reading over the manuscript and using your maps you find any opportunity to insert the present day altitudes in brackets, it will help.

With your checking it over, I shall have a great deal more confidence in the accuracy and completeness of the footnotes.

You know that this is my only typed copy and you will, of course, guard it carefully.

I expect to be back from my Unaka trip by the middle of next week and if you have been lucky enough to go from Weser to that town on the river, whose name I can't think of, I will write a joint letter to the Southern Clubs.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
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May 6, 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Herewith I am sending you the additional prints of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park base map which you request in your letter of May 4.

It is gratifying to know that all of you people think the map is fine. It will fill the need until the Geological Survey map is out and even later it will serve many purposes better than the United States Geological Survey map.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Oliver G. Taylor

Oliver G. Taylor,
Assistant Chief Engineer.

Copy to: Supt. Eakin

P. S. Prints being sent under separate cover.

(Kephart) Masa Ref'd

May 7, 1932.

Mr. Walter M. Kinley,
311 Franklin Ave.,
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Kinley;

I have your letter of May 3rd and very glad that you are interesting hike to be made this section coming Summer.

As you know Mt. Mitchell section lumbered years ago and trails up to peak not quite impressive, but one trail I could recommend that from Busick east side of Mt. Mitchell, thru Higgins Bald worth while to make hike, perticularly the time when rhododendron blooms about middle of June, hiking distance from Busick to Top of Mitchell about 7 miles.

Ofcause it easier trip made by auto and toll charge minimum $ 3. per car with two or three people then $ 1. per person, I like to say this, trip made by auto covers more territory than hike but hikers as we are prefer trip made by foot see more.

National Forest Service made trails and signs there also telephone line along trail so you will find easy to follow right trails.

About Mt. Pisgah, most of visitor drive car to parking place then walk to top, distance about 1½ miles, but there is trail from foot of mountain at Stoney Fork to top follows telephone line about 3 m. another trail what we call "Shut - In" trail, distance 12 miles.

I asked U. S. Forest Service that send you two maps - Pisgah and Mt. Mitchell section, so when they reach you look over and shoot back quetions what you want to know, am very glad give you all informations that I have, and if you let me know about when you are make trips I might give you some other interesting points, please don't hesit hesitate, welcome to it.

Sincerely yours,

George Masa,
P. O. Box 1348,
Asheville, N. C.

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Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear George:

Have heard nothing definite from you in regard to just how many from the Carolina Club, are going to be on hand for the Regional Conference May 21-22 at Connahaynee Lodge.

When I saw you in Asheville a few weeks ago, you said you would advise me fully, after your regular monthly meeting the first part of May. Naturally, we are anxious to complete plans as the day for this meeting approaches, so please let me hear from you by return mail, if possible.

Present indications are that we will have a nice crowd, and we are counting on you and a good delegation from North Carolina, being with us.

With best personal wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. Armand Thorpe

C. Armand Thorpe, Mgr.

Mr. George Masa,
Grove Arcade,
Asheville, N. C.

(Kephart?) Masa Biltmore

PITTSBURGH, PA.
MAY 12TH, 1932

MR. GEORGE MASA
ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR MR. MASA:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF MAY 7TH, AND I WANT TO TELL YOU HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME SO MUCH INTERESTING AND HELPFUL INFORMATION. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL COME IN VERY HANDY WHEN WE START ON OUR VACATION.

I ALSO RECEIVED THE TWO MAPS YOU SO KINDLY ASKED THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE TO SEND ME, AND BELIEVE ME, THEY CERTAINLY ARE COMPLETE. I DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE COULD POSSIBLY GET LOST IN THE ASHEVILLE SECTION WITH A COPY OF THESE MAPS IN HIS POCKET.

YOU SAID TO SHOOT BACK ANY QUESTIONS I MIGHT DIG UP AFTER STUDYING THE MAPS, AND I AM GOING TO TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD AND TROUBLE YOU TO ANSWER A COUPLE.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, IS THE ROAD LEADING TO THE MOUNT PISGAH PARKING SPACE A TOLL ROAD, AND, IF IT IS, WHAT IS THE COST TO TRAVEL IT? BY THE WAY, THE COST OF THE TRIP UP MOUNT MITCHELL SEEMS VERY REASONABLE, INASMUCH AS YOU ARE FORCED TO PAY $5.00 PER CAR AND $1.00 FOR EACH PASSENGER IN MAKING THE MOTOR TRIP UP MOUNT WASHINGTON IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MAKING ASHEVILLE MY BASE, WHAT OTHER MOTOR TRIPS OUT OF ASHEVILLE WOULD YOU SUGGEST IN ADDITION TO THE MOUNT MITCHELL TRIP AND THE MOUNT PISGAH TRIP? HOW ABOUT THE NANTAHALLA GORGE, THE LINVILLE GORGE, THE TRYON LOOP TRIP, OR THE TRIP TO BRYSON CITY? WOULD YOU RECOMMEND ANY OF THESE TRIPS?

WHEN WE LEAVE ASHEVILLE, WE ARE PLANNING TO GO BY WAY OF SMOKEMONT AND INDIAN GAP TO GATLINSBURG, AND THEN ON TO KNOXVILLE. WE WANT, HOWEVER, TO SPEND A BIT OF TIME EXPLORING THE NEW GREAT SMOKY NATIONAL PARK. WE HAVE THOUGHT, OF COURSE, OF CLIMBING MT. LE CONTE, AND OF VISITING CADES COVE, ETC. I HAVE BEEN WONDERING WHETHER YOU COULD TELL ME IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO GET A MAP OF THE GREAT SMOKY PARK DISTRICT THAT THROUGHLY MARKS ALL THE TRAILS, ROADS, ETC., IN THE PARK? IN OTHER WORDS, A MAP SOMEWHAT LIKE THE ONES THE FOREST SERVICE SENT ME. IF YOU CAN TELL ME WHO TO WRITE TO GET THESE MAPS, IF ANY ARE TO BE HAD, I WILL CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS.

NO DOUBT YOU THINK I AM QUITE A PEST, BOTHERING YOU WITH SO MANY QUESTIONS, BUT THE PROSPECT OF A TRIP INTO THE "LAND OF THE SKY" HAS SO INTRIGUED ME THAT I AM TRYING TO GET A LINE ON ALL THE INTERESTING POINTS SO I MAY BE SURE TO TAKE THEM ALL IN. THANKS AGAIN FOR THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE SENT ME.

SINCERELY,

Walter M. Kinley

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May 13,

Dear George:

I am back again with 100 miles of trail data. Went from Galax to Highway No.34-Bristol to Mountain City. Managed to see Paul the evening I came back.

Hope to return sometime soon and get the remainder of the data for Unaka. Paul plans to get busy at once and mark and measure to Devils Fork Gap. I am hoping we can clean this up at once.

Now I wish you would tell me in detail just what is marked and measured from Devils Fork Gap west. I know you measured to Hot Springs for I have your summary. Where did you stop? You know you will have somehow to mark thru the town to make it continuous. Perhaps the best way is to put blazes (white paint, heavy) on the telphone poles. Another things I want very much to find out is how you come down to Waterville and what the prospects are for getting up on Smoky.

I feel that the time is ripe to get the C.A.T.C. to drive and finish this up. Why don't you suggest to the Council that they schedule a series of trips to take them over the Club's section of the A.T. This would greatly emphasize the A.T. and make the Club A.T. conscious. There is so much energy abroad down there I would like to see a bit of it directed toward A.T' work. Please give me the details of the Pisgah situation for I know the country better now and want to get it all in mind.

Must get my data written up now. You have in mind for Guidebook we must use narrative style like our book. Means that log will have to be rewritten in this form.

Lets see what we can do to finish it all up to Smoky as soon as possible.

Hastily

Myron

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COVERED BY GUIDEBOOK
LEGEND
1 LAMBS GAP
2 BRANDTSVILLE
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6 ASHBY GAP
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12 FISHERS GAP
13 SWIFT RUN GAP
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S. Anna R.
James R.
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(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

May 14, 1932.

Mr. J. Ross Eakin,
Superintendent,
Great Smoky Mountains National Park,
Maryville,
Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Eakin:

With the exception of the connection between the Smokies and the Nantahala Mountains, our Appalachian Trail route is practically a continuous trail from the Maine-New Hampshire line to its southern terminus, Mt. Oglethorpe. The exception is the connection between Waterville or Crestmont and Mt. Guyot. To facilitate our wiping out this last blind spot, I wish to ask if you will be good enough to tell me of any possible fire trail development by the Park Service, either contemplated or to be constructed during the next year, which would afford a connection between Mt. Guyot and the Big Pigeon.

Very truly yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. George Masa.

Have you any type on this?

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May 14, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Grove Arcade,
Ashville, North Carolina.

Dear George:

We are very glad to know that you are planning to have a representative crowd down at Connahaynee next week-end. We expect to have a big time there, and also expect to do something progressive in the organization of the Southern Appalachian Trail Conference. We want to count on you for one speaker from North Carolina. We would write the request to some one ourselves, but we would not know whom to choose, so we are going to ask you to bring down some one to make us a short talk.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Connahaynee next week.

Sincerely,

Warner W. Hall

Warner W. Hall.

WWH:fw

May 14, 1932.

Mr. C. L. Graham,
Forest Supervisor,
Unaka National Forest,
Bristol,
Tennessee.

Dear Graham:

Fink and I worked on the plans to have marked and measured as soon as possible - probably over Memorial Day - the missing link between the Unaka and Pisgah. I am writing up the trail data at the present time and will forward you a carbon of it when it is finished.

With the view of carrying out our plans in perfecting the marking in the southern half of the Forest, I have arranged to have sent to you a good supply of markers and nails, which will be available for my next trip. I have also sent some Appalachian Trail literature, which you may wish to have available in your records.

We have also sent an additional supply of markers to Jackson.

I am sending you a copy of our Guidebook, so that you will be familiar with it. Cole's section will be largely rewritten in the next edition to which the Unaka section, as far as Damascus, will be added.

There are some problems connected with the nomenclature and trails in the Skull's Gap to Highway 12 section which you will probably want to take up with the members of your staff who have charge of the map work. In the first place there is a sign to Skull's Gap and to Flattop (this sign points 180 degrees the wrong way) and their distance beyond Brook's. Now if by Flattop the summit marked Sharptop on the U.S.G.S. map is meant, the distance is greatly in error. You will note in my trail data an unnamed summit, for which the distance corresponds with the sign and which could well be Flattop. If this unnamed summit is not the Flattop of the sign, then the sign is in error by a couple of miles.

(Kephart?) Masa
RCIWC

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I am told that the Sharptop of the map is locally called Flattop. This adds to the confusion. Farther west there is a Roundtop. Haulsee's notes refer to the new trail on the south side of Doubletop. This is apparently the Roundtop of the maps.

The maps show a through trail leading to Mt. Rogers. I have noted two trails leading in that direction and cannot tell which is the one indicated on the map. I also fail to find a trail to the north indicated by the Forest Service map.

All of these things will be straightened out sometime but it seemed to me regretable to have the trail description conflict with the map and I had thought when I am able to send you the data that whoever corrects the map could check over the data and the maps and make the two harmonize as to names and trails. That is we would make the data follow the map corrections.

I am hoping that Paul will be able to work out locally a trip or two to correct the places which need to be better marked. These are, to the open field about three miles north of Highway 54 and the Skull's Gap/Highway 12 section, particularly at the head of Little Laurel. I tell you of them, so that if the opportunity presents itself, advantage can be taken of it.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Fink
CC: Mr. Masa.

May 16, 1932.

Mr. Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Myron;

I have your letter of May 13th.

A. T. west of Devils Fork Gap, most all way follows U. S. Forest Service Trail - "State Line Trail" what they called, we measured by wheel and marked where need markers (not every ¼ mile) I enclosed trail logs so you can look over on Forest Service map of French Broad Division of Pisgah National Forest.

I already talked with Mr. Mattoon that I want to go over again check up and let me have one of his ranger for this trip with me who knows this section "A to Z", but fire season prevent us up this time so soon I hear from him I will finish up Devils Fork Gap to Hot Springs as A. T. standard, then Hot Springs to Lemon Gap have to find other route (I have all informations what I needed from Mr. Rector who knows that contry very well in this evening) and Ground Hog Gap to Waterville should be changed, this part I couldn't get any information yet, only and best way to get up Ground Hog Gap then scout, we already made schedule this route.

If possible we might meet you on State line between Spivey Gap and Devils Fork Gap when you travel westward and we travel eastward or we start measure toward east and you coming toward west, see whats what.

I don't think any markers thru Hot Springs necessary, because this town very small only one main street(if call it street) runs thats all.

We stopped measure at Waterville station where Smoky Mountains Hiking Club supposed be pick up A.T. - proposed route is Waterville to Mt. Sterling village just above this place A.T. turns to right follow Chestnut Branch to White Rock.

Then follows state line to Low Gap distance 2.7 m. from Low Gap National Park Service made trail about 4 m. last year(if my remember is right) toward Mt. Guyot, and will finish this year so I think about 2 or 3 miles there is no trail.

(Kephart) Masa NCMC Avery from Masa 5/16/1932

I suggested to our Hiking Committee that to make hike along A. T. but seems to me they have a little trouble for transportation as we have to send cars one to other where A.T. hit highway, but I am sure I can make some arrangement and stir up more interst direct to A.T.

We made trip to Gradfather Mountain last Sunday and I had more interest about that section since I read Guyot manuscript carefully, but hells bells! All spruce cut down skinned up this old Grandfather and these lumber ship to Canton,N.C. - Champion Fibre Co.

Last year when we made trip to Roan, we shaw cut spruce down to tip top of Roan High Knob, so soon returned we took this matter up to N.C. Conservation and Development also Champion Fibre Co., begged to them that DO NOT CUT SPRUCE TO THE TOP PLEASE STOP CUTTING ABOUT 100 YARDS BELOW THE TOP. But I don't know they did or not, at first chance I will see. Indeed west side of Grandfather just terrible, hope east side U. S. Forest Service take over property and save remainder as they are now they are beauty as like as Great Smoky.

If you interest this section I am glad send you some photographs for your file.

I better stop here and continue Guyot manuscript check up.

Sincerely,

(Highsmith) Masa NCHC after Masa to Avery, 5/17/1938 '337

Mr. Paul Fink,
Jonesboro, Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

I believe you have received a copy of Myron Avery's letter of May 17th, written to the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club, Carolina Mountain Club and the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, in which he raises again the question of routing the Appalachian Trail beyond the Smokies. The question is whether the trail shall leave the Smokies at Siler's Bald via Welch Ridge or at Neal's Gap and Tapoca and thence to the Nantahala's by a route yet to be determined. The suggestion of leaving the Smokies at Siler's has met with opposition before and to allay this he suggests alternative routes, one via Welch Ridge and one via Western Smoky.

It seems to me in as much as you were instrumental in bringing the trail to the Smokies originally that your opinion on this new question (or old question raised again) should carry considerable weight. On Tuesday evening, May 31st, the Board of Directors of the Hiking Club holds its regular monthly meeting at the Knoxville Y. M. C. A. at 7:00 P. M, and I am wondering if that would not be a good time to thresh the matter out? Hence I am inviting you and George Masa, Jim Thompson, John H. Byrne, Myron Avery as well as the "elder statesmen" of the Hiking Club to meet with us that night to make some final disposition of the matter. Will you and the others be so kind as to let me know if you can come?

Wahoo - -

Harvey

Harvey Broome

cc-
Mr. George Masa
Mr. Jim Thompson
Mr. J. H. Byrne
Mr. Myron Avery
Mr. Frank Taylor

Kephart? Mass
Asheville N.C.

After 5 days, return to
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at. Connahaynee Lodge.

This is great chance to see Southern End of A.T. whoever make this trip leave Asheville on Saturday Morning drive to Murphy. Blairsville, Ga. Blue Ridge, Ellijay, Talking Rock to Jasper. then going up mountain to Connahaynee Lodge. Spend Sunday hike or ride leave Monday morning for return trip. at Blue Ridge - turn in left to Hiwassee and Murphy - to Asheville -

Auto Trip "worth something to see country -

Lets Go - see more - enjoy ourselves.

(Ephart:) Mass NCMC From Avery

May 23, 1932.

Smoky Mountains Hiking Club,
Georgia Appalachian Trail Club,
Carolina Mountain Club.

Gentlemen:

I wish to add a suggestion with respect to the preparation of trail data and marking of trails, which I overlooked in my letter of May 17, 1932.

This suggestions is the putting up of aluminum numerals or painting numerals to indicate the mileage. Wherever used, the scheme has found much favor with hikers. It serves the dual purpose of enabling one to check his pace and to locate himself with respect to the trail.

The marking must coincide with the trail data; start with zero at each section of the trail. These marks have to be made parallel to the trail. We also paint the numeral on a rock or on a parallel cut blaze and do other things to attract attention to the numeral. If placed at right angles, the markers won't be seen from the opposite direction; hence the use of the parallel indications.

If the data is prepared for both directions, it will be necessary to make an arbitrary selection of the direction and have all sections uniform. The trail data should show which way the numerals were placed. We used the phrase:

> "Numerals, placed parallel to the Trail, indicate the distance from the northern terminus of this section."

If the numerals are put up after the data has been prepared, care must be taken to have the data correspond with the numerals; in case of discrepancies the data rather than the new reading of the wheel must control.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
Chairman,
Board of Managers,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Mass
CC: Mr. Fink
CC: Mr. Broome
CC: Mr. Davis.

(Kephart!) Mass NCMC

May 25, 1932.

Mr. Harvey M. Broome,
Box 1315,
Knoxville,
Tennessee.

Dear Harvey:

I have your letter of May 23, 1932 and copy of your letter to Paul. I, of course, cannot be in Knoxville on May 31st. I hope, however, that the practical end of the matter will be stressed. When the progress of the past year is considered the labor of connecting Nantahala and Smoky through Deals Gap will be readily apparent. It is futile to consider it other than a labor of years. The conclusion of last year's Conference was certainly predicated upon an assumption that progress could be made. I am sorry that my friends in the south consider my suggestions "an annoyance" but in my efforts to close the gaps and make this things a reality rather than philosophy of a few, I cannot enthuse over a persistent adherence to what is almost an impossibility. You cannot issue a Southern Guidebook with this gap; an attempt to make the Deal's Gap route exclusive will delay the book for years and to that extent retard the use of and opening up of the Southern Appalachians.

I would ask that my letter of May 17th and this letter be read as an explanation of an attitude which may not be enthusiastically received but which is the only way out of an impasse.

I see that the situation at the meeting prevented taking any steps to set up an organization to work out this Guidebook publication problem. Cannot this be worked out? Do you have in mind the link between Waterville and Guyot or between Guyot and Dry Sluice Gap in the third paragraph of your letter of May 23rd? I thought we all agreed that amateur trail construction in the Smokies is an impossibility and that Park Service trails must be used.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Fink
CC: Mr. Mass
CC: Mr. Thompson
CC: Mr. Byrne.

(Kephart) Mass. Mtns.

May 25, 1932.

Dear George:

Your letter of May 16th. gives me a lot of information.

First it corrects some distances;our Guidebook says 110 miles of Pisgah. From your figures it seems like 60,8 for the two sections seem to join. I understand your two relocations will make some little change in the ~~xxxx~~ mileage. Do you figure more or less?

Now if you have an extra carbon of this data I would like to use it. If you have ~~xxiyx~~ otyped it yourself and have only a few carbons, I don't want to burden you. We have made the girls up here do some of the t typing.

I certainly would run the A.T. markers thru Hot Springs so as to mark the marking continuous. If you have any trouble about putting them on trees, you could put paint blazes on telephone poles (best get Company's permission). It causes confusion to leave gaps.

I don't know when I will get down there so it is better not to plan on my coming.

I would be mighty glad to have ~~smme~~ some of the views you spoke of in your letter.

Now I would like to get a little more information about Waterville to Low Gap. Has the Smoky Club put up any markers in there that you know of? I judge your section ends at Waterville R.R. Station. How do you get from Waterville R.R. Station over the Pigeon and to Mt. Sterling P.O. ? Is there a good trail up Chestnut Branch to White Rock from Mt. Sterling P.O. ? I understand there is now a trail between White Rock and Low Gap. I judge that Mt. Sterling Village, as you call it, is the same as Mt. Sterling P.O. of the Park Service map.

I am dubious of getting those Smoky people to do anything but stick to Smoky but to do the job of getting it back to Nantahala is hopeless.

Yours

Myron

So as to get the benefit of a natural boundary why don't you run your trail data ~~xxx~~ and markers down to the east bank Big Pigeon and let Smoky pick up west bank of river. This seems best to me. If you like it why not take it up with them? How do you get to Waterville by car or railroad? Can you drive now on that road thru Mt. Sterling?

May 27, 1932.

Dear Myron;

I mailed you Guyot Manuscript and notes yesterday hope it reach you safely, also enclosed Highway map and panorama view from top of Grandfather Mt.

I have your letter of May 25, and copy letter to Harvey which concerning A. T.

The distances; your guide book says 110 miles of Pisgah - it includes between Nolichucky River(Unaka Springs) to Devils Fork Gap(distance my estimation about 28 miles) ?

From Devils Fork Gap to Waterville - this two sections join - continuous trail. And two relocations of this trail I figured about same or less mileage.

I don't know weather Smoky Club put up markers Waterville to White Rock or not, as you see in my sketch map - cross Pigeon River by bridge which Power Co. built then Waterville R.R.station from there to Mt. Sterling about mile follow wagon road.

From Mt. Sterling -(what I called Mt. Sterling village is Mt. Sterling P.O. on Park Service map, you are right)- wagon road to Crestmont (about 1 mile) Not far from Mt. Sterling P.O. at Chestnut Branch toward White Rock there is wagon road two or more miles up to Chestnut Branch, and then when I was there from there on not much trail, well about 6 years ago, but I know there was well beaten good trail between White Rock to Low Gap.

I will put markers up thru Hot Springs as you said.

I will try to go down to Knoxville and settle the natural boundray line as you suggested, if can't go I will write to Harvey see what he will to say.

Yours,

June 1, 1932.

Dear Myron;

I forced to lead Club hike into Great Smoky last week end as leader couldn't make it, so I lead party two days camped at Bradley Fork as far as auto goes, about 5 miles above Smokemont:- First day Climbed Richland Mountain followed Tenn. Branch trail, hit A.T. at Divide then came down to Dry Sluice Gap to Charlies Bunion, return same trail to Richland Mountain but still followed State Line to Porters Gap then came down to Bradley to camp; Second day we followed main Prong of Bradley to State line(ofcause there is no trail) followed State line to Peck Corner then followed Hughes Ridge to Camp.

I noticed brand new A.T. markers on trail which I believe some of Smoky Club members put up before night, because I knew they had schedule hike on Hughes Ridge last Sunday and some of them went on State Line to Dry Sluice Gap, and lest of them through our camp.

After I came back this trip, I had furious attack stomach trouble and it went climax last night forced me stay in bed all day today, but I am O.K. this evening will go to work tomorrow.

I brought up A.T. matters to Councilors meeting as you suggested and they all agreed more active to push through main route as soon as possible, I am indeed very glad of it.

I didn't answer your questions of May 25 that Waterville can not reach by car at present, only by motor train.

N.C. highway 284 goes to Mt. Sterling P.O. but there is no connection which Tenn. highway at State Line yet.

Yours,

(Kephart:) Masa
NCMC

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ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
June 1, 1932

Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

Hot Springs N.C.

Dear Mr. Masa:

Ranger Johnson is planning on putting up the mile markers on the State Line Trail from Devils Fork Gap to Hot Springs beginning Monday, June 6 and he would be glad to have you go along with him if you can find it convenient to do so.

In this connection, it will be desirable to have the bicycle wheel which we use for logging trails, available at that time. It is my understanding that you do not have this in your possession at the present time but it would be appreciated if you would get it back at the first opportunity so that it may be available.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. MATTOON,
Forest Supervisor.

(Kephart?) Masa Ncnc

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Mr. George Masa,
Arcade Bldg.,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

I neglected to send you a copy of the letter which I sent Myron Avery giving him the result of our deliberations on the western connection to Smoky. However our conclusion was the same reached at the Georgia conference that the trail should take in western Smoky and the connection made at Tapoco.

Our fellows are interested in doing some scouting right away and I am wondering if you could send us all the data you have collected through your scouts in that section. Our proposed route is the one you suggested in Georgia, namely, to follow the Yellow Creek Mountain to Tapoco and thence by various intervening gaps and ridges to Cheoah Bald. If you have any such data that would aid us I would appreciate your sending it at once in as much as some of the members of our Club may make a preliminary survey next weekend.

With best regards,

Harvey

Harvey Broome

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June 16, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville, N. C.

Dear George:

We trust you received the map that was sent you the other day. We forgot to mention but supposed you would understand that we would like to have the map showing the corrections returned to us.

I am making a tracing of the whole park on this scale and want to show everything as nearly correct as possible. Will of course send you a blue print copy when it is completed.

A bunch of the S.M.H.C. members are having a meeting next Monday night the 20th at our place to go into the matter of the Appalachian Trail possibilities from Deals Gap to Georgia line and would like mighty well if you could meet with us. If it is possible that you are in this neck of the woods do so if you can.

With hearts a bustin' with love, I am

Yours very truly,

Jas. E. Thompson

JET/JJ

(Kephart) Mss
UCMC

From Avery

June 6, 1932.

Mr. Harvey Broome,
Smoky Mountains Hiking Club,
Box 454,
Knoxville,
Tennessee.

Dear Harvey:

I have your letter of June 2, 1932. It was, of course, anticipated. Our difference of opinion in these matters is most decided but it will not, in any event, intrude upon our personal friendship.

It is hard for me to understand the reaction of my fellow members in the Smoky Mountains Hiking Club. They were asked merely to acquiesce in a proposal, which would enable us to complete the Appalachian Trail and issue a Guidebook to the Southern Appalachians, which would attract much attention to this remarkable playground. They were asked to do nothing. No request was made that they mark the connection. They were not asked to abandon or give up anything done. They were to continue- through the years if necessary- working out any route they wished. A few of us would put through the connection. All we asked that there be no protest against our activities.

The results of the past year should have driven home the futility of the other project unless the highway or some other valley road is resorted to. It is a Herculean labor. Your trail workers are few; the Club has a heavy program; the Trail activity is -by reason of planning trips a year in advance- all extra curriculum.

I cannot help but deem it an unnecessary emphasis on local interests, working possible infinite prejudice to the completion and success of the project. I say this with all recognition of the impetus, which the Conference last June and the Smoky Club have given to the Appalachian Trail project.

If you check the maps (Guyot) you will see that the western arm, including Smoky, was chosen as most direct; the Blue Ridge swings far east and is very circuitous.

(Kephart?) Letter
NCMc

Myron Avery
6/6/1931

My concern about the Smokies and contiguous sections grows out of the fact that -excluding Maine- it will in three months- constitute the only gap in the Trail.

I don't know of Storer G. Gardner. I hope that no such statement as his was made or permitted to influence the meeting. If so, I hope it will be corrected. It is totally erroneous. There is available continuous trail data from Sherburne Pass in the Green Mountains to the border of Smoky- except the 20 mile southern Unaka link which Fink hoped to get last week-end. North of there to the southern end of my data at Highway 34, the data is in log form but the route is marked. You know that the Carolina Club has typed data from Devils Fork Gap to Waterville - even though a relocation is planned from Groundhog Creek. Our Guidebook and Bulletins, which you have, should have answered for you this statement.

Did the Club understand it was undertaking, itself, the project of carrying the trail back from Deals Gap to Weser?

It is, of course, more than a local matter but for the present I propose that we await the definite progress you expect to make during the summer. You will, of course, keep me informed as to what results.

Is there any possibility for concerted action in working out uniform trail data or publishing the Guide to the Southern Appalachians. Must this lie over or can some organization plan be worked out? It seems most important to me.

And so - with this laid by for three or four months-

Best regards,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Fink.

June 18, 1932.

Mr. Paul M. Fink,
Jonesboro,
Tennessee.

Dear Paul:

When we were discussing the plans for finishing the Unaka section trail data, I spoke of the need for an article which would tell of some of the interesting background of Unaka and Pisgah and generally describe the route. The idea has grown and I have taken advantage of a very rainy Sunday. I realize how ridiculously limited my knowledge of the region is but I have made a beginning. I cannot finish it until I have traveled the rest of Pisgah and Unaka but I have completed the background of the article and would add to it only such matter as I would gain from further trips. It is in such a stage that were I unable to do it, you and George could complete it from your knowledge of the region. My plan is to have it printed in such a way as to have available a large number of reprints for distribution. When it is finished, your newspaper connections may enable us to get a condensed local review.

I need a lot of help on this, particularly on the historical data I have tried to work in. I do want to make reference to the things on the Watauga and the Doe, the Gorge Roan, Valle Crucis, Cranberry Iron Mines and even the Grandfather, at the end of my present manuscript. Could you give me a page or so telling of these things?

A sketch map would be most serviceable but this is utterly beyond me. I am relying on George for help with photos to cover this region. I have checked the Forest Service Unaka and Pisgah and found nothing- not even a good photo of Whitetop.

(Replaced) Mesa
UCMC

Avery to Funk
6/18/1932

I am sending a carbon of this letter and the article to George Mesa, Supervisor Graham and Harvey Broome for the benefit of their suggestions and to hold the article.

I hope to make another Unaka trip in September, when it cools down again.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

CC: Mr. Graham
CC: Mr. Broome
CC: Mr. Mesa.

(Kephart:) Masa NCMC

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June 21, 1932.

Mr. George Masa,
Asheville Photo Service,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Dear George:

I am much interested in your letter of June 18, 1932. I enclose copy of letter which I have written to Thompson, so that they won't try to work out some through route beside the Nantahala. By the way, do you know exactly how much Byrne has marked? Has he done anything in Georgia. I suggested to him that the Trail route should go over Wayah Bald rather than taking the cut-off, otherwise this view would be missed. When the Trail data is written up, this should be watched for.

When you send me the new log, please send me two carbons of it.

Mason used a photograph of Guyot in the story in the Knoxville Times. I obtained the mat from the newspaper and sent it to Appalachia. I can get it again but I have written to his nephew at Princeton to see if I can get a copy. Paul tells me that his plans did not work out, so that the gap in southern Unaka is still there.

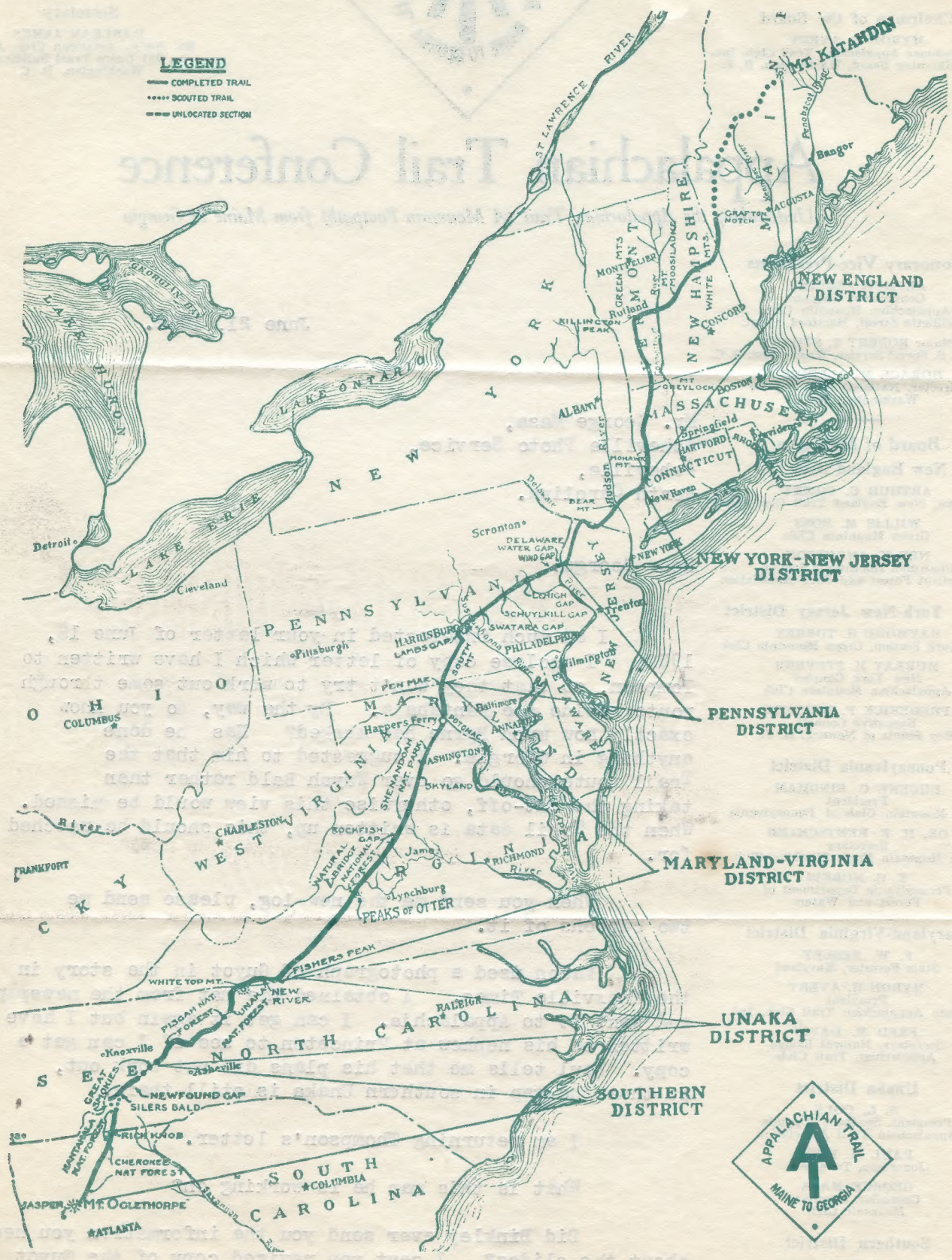
I am returning Thompson's letter.

What is this map he is working on?

Did Binkley ever send you the information you need about the slides? I sent you revised copy of the Guyot introduction and notes.

Sincerely,

Myron H. Avery.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(Kephart) mss ncmc

June 21, 1932.

Mr. Jim Thompson,
Knoxville,
Tennessee.

Dear Jim:

George Masa has passed on to me your letter asking about the Appalachian Trail from Mt. Oglethorpe up to the Smokies. I went over this last year. I am enclosing a reprint of an article which describes the route, which may be of help. I asked the Forest Service to send you a copy of the Cherokee and Nantahala maps but they have none available.

Supervisor Byrne has marked to Tellico Gap and possibly over Weser Bald, so the connection with the Georgia route must be made at that point.

We expect to hear from you soon with respect to the slides.

I note that you are making a new map. Just what does this cover? I have recently seen the new Park Service map of Smoky.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Myron H. Avery,
U. S. Shipping Board,
Washington, D.C.

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Mr.George Masa,
Grove Arcade,
Asheville,N.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please give us information regarding your trips by The Carolina Mountain Club and if some of them are through Waynesville so that guests of the hotel could join them here or near here.Any information about your own trips or others that guests here could take advantage of.

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